

ARIZONA CITY FIRE DISTRICT

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

September 17, 2014

1. **Call to order**

Board Chairman Diane Wright called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. at the District's hall, located at 14022 S. Sunland Gin Road, Arizona City, AZ.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Board Chairman Wright led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Welcome to Guests**

Board Chairman Diane Wright welcomed the members of the Fire District and guests to the September 17, 2014 Board meeting.

Board members present: Board Chairman Diane Wright, Board Clerk Betty Harding, Board member Jim Leary, Board member Bill Bailey and Board member Donna Wyatt.

Also present: Asst. Chief Jeremy Leary, Business Manager Hazel Corbin, and John Hemmings.

Public Present: Jennie Carlson, Jay ? and Gary Gogel.

4. **Fire Chief's Report**

1. Asst. Chief Leary reported that we have received a final copy of the contract with Verizon late this afternoon.
2. Asst. Chief Leary stated that Sprint is adding equipment to the tower and that due to the weather they cannot start this week as planned.
3. Asst. Chief Leary reported that the hiring process is complete and that the District is looking at possibly adding up to 4 new members now and maybe 4 later.
4. Asst. Chief Leary stated that if all goes well the training tower should be completed by the 1st. of the year, weather permitting.

5.

5. **Staff reports**

Asst. Chief reviewed the August 2014 month end reports for EMS calls and EMS/Fire response times.

6. **Correspondence**

Business Manager Corbin informed the Board that after several months of working with Standard and Poor's she received a phone call stating that our bond rating had stayed the

same.

7. **Consent Agenda**

Board Clerk Harding made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Board member Bailey then seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

8. **Call to the Public**

Jennie Carlson stated that after getting her tax bill she still feels that the District needs a Full Time Chief.

9. **Old Business:**

A. Discussion and possible action re: A Cost of Living Increase and Merit Wages. After a short discussion, Board member Bailey made a motion to approve a Merit Wage of .50 for exceeding and .25 for meeting requirements to take effect with the first payroll in December 2014. Board Clerk Harding 2nd the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

B. Discussion and possible action re: Adoption of revised Holiday, Vacation and Sick Leave policy. After a short discussion, Board member Wyatt made a motion to have the starting date of the Holiday, Vacation and Sick Leave for Business Manager Corbin to be set as August 26, 2014. Board member Leary 2nd the motion. The motion was approved by a 3 to 2 vote. YES – Wyatt, Leary and Bailey NO – Harding and Wright

At this time Board Chairman Wright moved item #3 of Old Business to the end of New Business to give Asst. Chief Leary time to return to the District after an EMS call.

10. **New Business**

A. Discussion and possible action re: Part-Time Chief. After a short discussion, Board Clerk Harding made the motion to post on the District website that the District was looking for a Part-Time Chief. The motion died on the floor for lack of a 2nd.

B. Discussion and possible action re: Association Halloween. After a short discussion with Char Leary, Arizona City Fire Association, President, Board member Bailey made the motion to approve the use of District facilities by the District Association for Halloween. Board Clerk Harding 2nd the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Discussion and possible action re:

At this time the Board went back to Old Business item #3.

3. Discussion and possible action re: Staff report on IGA. After a short discussion Board member Bailey made a motion to table this item until the next meeting. Board member Wyatt 2nd the motion. The motion was approved with a 4 to 1 vote. YES – Bailey, Wyatt, Leary and Harding NO – Wright.

11. **Next Meeting Date**

Regular Business meeting will be October 29, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

12. **Agenda Items for Next Meeting.**

Board Chairman Wright asked that the items for October 29, 2014 agenda please be given to the Business Manager by Tuesday, October 21, 2014 by 4pm.

13. **Adjournment**

Thereafter, Chairman Diane Wright adjourned the public session at approximately 7:31p.m.

Date approved: 11-18-14

Betty Harding
Board Clerk